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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John B.  
4 Goodrich, who passed away on December 9, 2014; and

5           WHEREAS, John Goodrich was born on January 4, 1928 in  
6 Spokane, Washington; his parents were John Casey and Dorothy  
7 (nee Koll) Goodrich; he married Therese H. Vollmer in 1952; and

8           WHEREAS, John Goodrich attended Catholic schools in  
9 Spokane, including Gonzaga Preparatory School and Gonzaga  
10 University; he subsequently earned his Juris Doctor from the  
11 Gonzaga University School of Law in 1954 and was admitted to  
12 the Washington Bar in 1954; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1955, John Goodrich accepted a position as  
14 Assistant to the General Counsel of the Chromium Mining and  
15 Smelting Corporation, which brought him to the Chicago area; he  
16 was admitted to the Illinois Bar and the United States Supreme  
17 Court in 1955; and

18           WHEREAS, John Goodrich began his railroad career in 1956 as  
19 General Solicitor for the Monon Railroad; he rose through the  
20 Railroad's Law Department, going from Secretary/Treasurer to  
21 Vice President of Law in 1969; in 1970, he went to the Illinois

1 Central Gulf Railroad and served as General Counsel before  
2 becoming Treasurer at Illinois Central Gulf in 1985; and

3 WHEREAS, After retiring from the railroad, John Goodrich  
4 served as General Counsel for the Illinois Finance Authority in  
5 Chicago before retiring again to play golf, travel, keep a  
6 small private law practice, and grow a moustache; and

7 WHEREAS, John Goodrich was a member of the Park Forest  
8 Traffic and Safety Commission and the Recreation and Parks  
9 Board; he served as a Village Trustee of Park Forest from 1977  
10 to 1980; he was a member of the District 163 School Board and  
11 the boards of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and the Tall  
12 Grass Arts Association; he served on the Chicago South Suburban  
13 Mass Transit District Board from 1996 to 2014; he was an  
14 actively involved member of St. Irenaeus Parish, having served  
15 on the religious education school board for many years and  
16 singing in the church choir; he was also active in the Knights  
17 of Columbus for over 60 years; and

18 WHEREAS, John Goodrich and his wife were inducted into the  
19 Park Forest Historical Society Hall of Fame in 1998; and

20 WHEREAS, John Goodrich was preceded in death by his  
21 parents; a sister, Ann; and a daughter, Paula Marie; and

1           WHEREAS, John Goodrich is survived by his wife of 62 years,  
2           Therese; his children, Joe and Carol Goodrich, Bernadette and  
3           Peter Morrison, Andrew and Mary Goodrich, Philip and Gail  
4           Goodrich, Thomas Goodrich, Marybeth Goodrich-McCarthy,  
5           Jennifer Goodrich and German White, Tim and Rosanne  
6           Goodrich-Schutz, and foster son Rudy Moreno; and 11  
7           grandchildren, Kim (Josh), Stephanie, John J., Peter, Jr.,  
8           Claire, Valerie, Nick (Katie), Nathan, Thomas, Melissa, and  
9           Michael; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12           we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of  
13           John B. Goodrich; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15           presented to the family of John Goodrich as an expression of  
16           our sympathy.